



Symposium Introduction

Break

Public Forum

Closing remarks

Adjourn (9:30PM)

Speakers



**Juliette
Rooney-Varga**

Professor Rooney-Varga is an internationally recognized expert in climate change and sustainability. Through her research, advocacy, and educational efforts, she is teaching – at the state, national and international levels – what it takes to understand and take action to mitigate climate change. Professor Rooney-Varga develops and uses interactive simulations in her work as an educator at UMass Lowell, where she is a professor of environmental science, directs the Climate Change Initiative, and co-directs the Rist Institute for Sustainability and Energy.



**William
Moomaw**

Dr. Moomaw is Emeritus Professor of International Environmental Policy and Founding Director of the Center for International Environment and Resource Policy at The Fletcher School. He began working on climate change in 1988 as the first director of the climate program at World Resources Institute in Washington. He has been a lead author of five Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Reports. He is a co-author of a recent paper declaring a Climate Emergency that has been endorsed by over 11,000 scientists.



**Darren
Springer**

Mr. Springer serves as General Manager of the Burlington Electric Department, in developing the pioneering Net Zero Energy Roadmap, recognized as the "first US Net Zero 2030 plan" by the Smart Electric Power Alliance. Under his tenure, Burlington became the top northeastern city for solar per capita in 2019 and 2020, while launching numerous electrification incentive programs to facilitate the transition to clean electric technologies. Darren previously served as BED's Chief Operating Officer and played key roles in the Governor's Office and Vermont Public Service Department, driving renewable energy legislation and standards.



**Adam
Sherman**

Mr. Sherman is a senior consultant at VEIC, specializing in renewable heating and cooling, where he helps clients achieve building decarbonization goals. With two decades of experience, Adam's expertise in evaluating and implementing renewable heating programs, and his collaborative approach, contribute to the adoption of renewable heating technologies on various scales. Prior to joining VEIC, Adam was the Program Director of BERC. During his time at BERC, Adam's worked spanned across technical, economic, project development, policy and regulatory categories.



**Alexandra
Kosiba**

Professor Kosiba is a forest ecophysiological and Extension Assistant Professor of Forestry at the University of Vermont. As the Extension Forester, she creates resources and conducts applied research to help landowners, foresters, and decision-makers better understand the impacts of climate change and other stressors on Vermont's forests and management techniques to improve forest resilience. Ali serves as a regional educator on forest carbon science and management and is the state lead on the Vermont Forest Carbon Inventory.



**Harris
Roen**

Mr. Roen is a Vermont Licensed Forester with over 30 years working on public and private lands in the Northeast. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the University of Vermont, and a Masters of Science in Resource Management and Administration from Antioch New England.